

To whom it may concern:

I am a lifelong Connecticut resident, I vote regularly, and am writing to express my opposition to SB 1076, SB 1071, and HB 6595. I am opposed to these bills for the following reasons:

- Criminals do not follow laws. These will only affect otherwise law-abiding citizens. Those responsible for tragedies such as what happened in Sandy Hook, Aurora, or Virginia Tech clearly have no regard for the law.
- This will either make criminals out of otherwise law-abiding citizens or it will make them less likely to be able to properly defend themselves and their families should the need arise.
- It is because of events like these, the Cheshire home invasion in particular, that many people choose to exercise their second amendment right to protect themselves and their families. If anybody chooses to break into my home I want to have a means to defend myself, and I don't want any restrictions placed on me when deciding the best way to do so.
- The military features on the so-called "assault weapons" that SB 1076 will make illegal do nothing to make the weapons more lethal. A pistol grip provides more control over the weapon. A collapsible stock makes it easier for people of different statures to adjust the gun to comfortable fit them. It allows different people, perhaps different family members or different members of the same shooting team, to share the same weapon.
- An incredibly small amount of these crimes, or crimes in general, make use of a rifle.
- Registration is very expensive and does nothing to attack the root cause of our problems.
- There are thousands of people employed by CT companies such as Ruger, Mossberg, Colt, and Stag Arms. There are also many CT companies that are employed for suppliers for these (and other) companies that will be affected. Our state is currently in such financial trouble; this will just compound these issues.

Thank you for your consideration.

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